



Myles Standish State Forest

Department of Conservation and Recreation

SEPTEMBER 2021 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Inclement weather cancels. For more information or to confirm, call (508) 866-2526.

Thursdays September 2, 9, 23, and 30

TALKING TREES, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Headquarters

Learn about the most common trees in the Massachusetts Pine Barrens ecosystem and what these silent giants can tell us if we know how to listen. Program consists of a 2.6-mile hike around the East Head Reservoir. Free parking. For adults and children over the age of 8 years.

Fridays September 3, 10, and 17

EASTHEAD RAMBLE, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Headquarters Join the park interpreter for a guided hike along the East Head Reservoir. Observe the wide range of wildlife that inhabits this wetland forest community. 2.6 miles long. For all ages. Starts at Parking Lot 1 next to the forest headquarters. Free parking.

Fridays September 3 and 17

POND SHORE FORAY, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Fearing Pond Come explore the secret world of the Coastal Plains Pond Community and the rich and varied life they support. Wear sturdy, water-resistant shoes. For ages 10+ years. Parking fee applies.

Fridays

PINE BARRENS: A STROLL OF FIRE AND ICE, 1:00 September 10 -2:30 p.m., Parking Lot 2

Join us on this gentle 1.6-mile hike through the famous Pine Barrens ecosystem of MSSF to discuss the natural history of the forest. Free parking. For ages 8+ years.

Saturdays September 4, 11, and 18

CANNONBALLS & CRANBERRIES, 3:00-4:00 pm, **Rocky Pond**

Join the park interpreter for a guided tour around a working cranberry bog and discover the fascinating history of the bog, from iron production to cranberry agriculture. Meet at parking lot 7 near Rocky Pond. Free parking. For ages 8+ years.

Saturdays September 4, 11, and 18

NIGHT HIKE, 8:00-9:20 p.m., Headquarters

Join us on a guided walk through the night woods to discover how nocturnal birds and animals use their senses to survive at night. No flashlights allowed on this walk. Bring your insect repellent. Free parking. For those over the age of 8.

Sundays September 5 and 19

Friends Loop Hike, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Parking Lot 4 Join the park interpreter for a guide hike around this 2.7-milelong trail on the northeast corner of the forest. Come admire the unique Pine Barrens landscape. Free parking. For those over the age of 8.

Sundays September 5 and 19

CCC Bike Tour, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., Headquarters Take a guided bike tour along the paved bike trails of the forest and learn about all the important work the Civilian Conservation Corps did here in MSSF. For ages 8+. All participants must have their own bike and wear a bike helmet. Free parking.

Sunday

BENTLEY LOOP HIKE, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Parking Lot 2 **September 12** Join us for a 3.6-mile around the Bentley Loop and enjoy the several ponds and meadows along the trail. Meet at parking lot 2. Free parking. For those over the age of 12 years.

Saturday September 25

FREE FAMILY FISHING DERBY, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Fearing Pond

Bring the whole family to Fearing Pond for some fishing fun. Fishing is from 10:00am to 1:30pm; prizes awarded at 2:00pm. We also provide arts and crafts activities. Instructors will provide fishing rods and bait. No MA state fishing license required. Free parking. For all ages.

How was your visit? Let us know! Mass.Parks@mass.gov.

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